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THE session for 1865-'66, in this Institution, will embrace, as hitherto, a *Preliminary* and a *Regular* Term. The *Preliminary Term* will commence on Wednesday, September 13, 1865, and continue to the beginning of the *Regular Term*, viz., four weeks. The *Regular Term* will commence on Wednesday, October 11, 1865, and end about the first of March, 1866.

PRELIMINARY TERM.

The Preliminary Term will be devoted to clinical instruction and didactic lectures on subjects of interest and practical importance not fully considered during the *Regular Term*. Clinical instruction in this Term, will be given daily at either the BELLEVUE or BLACKWELL'S ISLAND HOSPITAL, and the amount of daily hospital instruction will not fall much short of that given in the *Regular Term*. One or two clinical and three didactic lectures will be given on each week-day except Saturday. The college lectures in the Preliminary Term are given exclusively by members of the Faculty. Attendance during this Term is optional with the student. The Faculty aim to hold out sufficient inducements to all who can conveniently attend, and to render this Term, not merely a nominal, but an actual extension of the period of public instruction.

The subjects of the didactic lectures by the different members of the Faculty, will be announced at the opening of the Preliminary Term.

REGULAR TERM.

During the *Regular Term*, students have the opportunity of attending at least two Hospital clinical lectures daily. Four didactic lectures are given on every week-day except Saturday. The lectures are so arranged as not to interfere with the hours allotted to Hospital instruction. The daily lectures commence at 9 A. M. After one didactic lecture, an hour is allotted to clinical instruction in the Hospital, in either medicine, surgery or obstetrics, and a second didactic lecture at 11 A. M., completes the exercises of the forenoon. From 1½ to 3 or 3½ P. M. is another period allotted to Hospital instruction, or surgical operations, either at BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, BLACKWELL'S ISLAND HOSPITAL, or the eye infirmary, after which follow two didactic lectures. In addition to the amount of clinical instruction embraced in this arrangement, the alternation of the clinical and didactic lectures renders the daily attendance much less fatiguing than listening to several successive didactic lectures. All the lectures being given either in the Hospitals, or in the lecture room within the BELLEVUE HOSPITAL grounds, the large amount of hospital attendance does not conflict in the least with attendance on the regular didactic courses, the latter being as full in this College as in colleges not connected with hospitals.

FEES AND REGULATIONS. REQUISITES FOR GRADUATION.

The aggregate fees for tickets to all the lectures during the Preliminary and Regular Term amount to \$105.

Tickets for one, or any number, of the seven departments of instruction may be taken out separately.

In addition to the fees for the tickets to the lectures, is a matriculation fee of \$5. The matriculation fee must be taken out before the tickets to any of the lectures can be obtained.

The fee for the dissecting ticket is \$10. This covers all the expenses of the dissecting room; there is no charge for subjects, nor any incidental charges; this ticket and the matriculation ticket are required from all who dissect.

The graduation fee is \$30. The hospital ticket is gratuitous after matriculation. This ticket admits to BELLEVUE HOSPITAL and BLACKWELL'S ISLAND HOSPITAL, with a ticket for free passage to the latter Hospital in the Bellevue Steamer.

Students who have attended two full courses of lectures in other accredited medical colleges receive all the tickets to the lectures of this College, exclusive of the matriculation and dissecting tickets, for \$50.

Students having attended two full courses of lectures in this College, or after attendance on one full course in this College, having previously attended one full course in some other accredited college, are required to matriculate only.

Graduates of other accredited medical colleges, after three years, are required to matriculate only. Prior to the expiration of three years, the fee for a general ticket is \$50. All regular medical colleges in good standing are accredited.

Payment of fees, according to the foregoing regulations, is required in all cases, and the tickets must be taken out and

paid for at the beginning of the Regular Term. They are all to be obtained from the Secretary of the Faculty. The attention of students is particularly called to these rules respecting the payment of fees. Remission of fees, or deduction, and taking promissory notes from students, are interdicted by the by-laws of the College.

The requirements for graduation are: twenty-one years of age; three years' pupilage, inclusive of the time of attendance at medical lectures; attendance on two full courses of lectures, the last being in this College; proper testimonials of character; an acceptable thesis in the handwriting of the candidate, and a satisfactory examination in each of the departments of instruction.

The department of Surgery in this College, embracing *five*, and the department of Obstetrics *three*, Professors, it is proper to state that candidates for graduation are examined in each of these departments by one only of the Professors of the department.

Candidates for graduation are examined separately by the different Professors; and in cases in which the examinations are not satisfactory, the candidate is permitted to withdraw his name, or he may claim a second examination before the whole Faculty.

HISTORY OF THE BELLEVUE HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE, ITS PLANS, OBJECTS, Etc.

The session for 1865-'66 will be the fifth annual session in the history of this College. The establishment of the College inaugurated, on an extensive scale, a new movement in behalf of medical education in this country. The distinctive feature of the Institution, as its name imports, is its association with **BELLEVUE HOSPITAL**. The College is chartered by the Legislature of the State of New York, and is independent of any other organization; but, founded through the co-operation of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, it has aimed, with the continued co-operation of the Commissioners, to make subservient, as far as practicable, to the different branches of medical instruction, the vast resources of the **BELLEVUE HOSPITAL**, the **BLACKWELL'S ISLAND HOSPITAL**, and other associated public charities.

The basis of the College is the union of clinical and didactic teaching. The plan is to combine, to the fullest possible extent, these two methods of instruction—not devoting attention to either method to the disparagement of the other, but striving to give to both methods the utmost practicable efficiency. With reference to this object, the peculiar advantages of the College are derived from its association with the Hospitals, and the large number of the Professors who are connected with the Hospitals. The more obvious of the advantages are the economy of time in having all the lectures, didactic as well as clinical, given within the Hospital grounds; the arrangement of the clinical and didactic lectures with reference to their occurrence in alternation, and their mutual adaptation to each other; and the many opportunities for observation which are saved by the student being always at

hand in cases of accidents or when surgical or obstetrical operations are suddenly required.

Of the thirteen Professors composing the Faculty, ten are either Physicians, Surgeons, or Obstetricians to BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, all of whom are connected with practical departments in the College. The subjects pertaining to medicine, surgery, and obstetrics, may generally be illustrated by Hospital cases simultaneously with their consideration in the lecture room. In this way clinical is constantly associated with didactic teaching in each of the practical departments. The immense advantage of this plan is obvious, but it must be observed to be fully appreciated.

One great advantage of the association of College and Hospital instruction relates to the study of morbid anatomy. The opportunity of observing the morbid appearances after death in fatal cases which have been under observation during life, is of incalculable value to the medical student. This opportunity is afforded to the fullest extent. The student has daily access to the autopsy room; fresh specimens are constantly presented; and, whenever deemed desirable, autopsies are made in the lecture room in the presence of the class. In short, every moment of the day not occupied by the didactic lectures may be profitably spent in acquiring practical knowledge relating to medicine, surgery, and obstetrics, in a field of observation which, for richness of resources, is not excelled in this or any country.

The advantage of combining, as much as possible, clinical with didactic teaching, is applicable not less to students attending their first course of lectures than to those who have already attended one or more courses. So long as the student is expected to listen to didactic lectures on the practical branches, in his first course of lectures, he should, at the same

time, begin the study of disease at the bed-side. Instruction in the College lecture room, and in the Hospital amphitheatre, should, from the first, go hand in hand. The experience of the past four years has abundantly satisfied the Faculty that the student cannot commence too early to become practically acquainted with the phenomena of disease, the morbid appearances of the different parts of the body, and the details of therapeutics, surgery and obstetrics.

The increase of the classes, hitherto, with each successive session, is satisfactory proof of the successful practical working of the plan of instruction adopted by this College. The class in attendance at the first session in 1861-'62 numbered 101. During the session for 1864-'65 the number was increased to 323. Appreciating the confidence of the medical profession, and fully sensible of the responsibilities involved, it is the desire of the Faculty to continue to make such additional improvements in carrying out the plan of instruction as the experience of each session may suggest—the perfection of the plan, however, being the great object, rather than further increase of the size of the classes.

RESOURCES FOR CLINICAL INSTRUCTION,

THE STUDY OF PRACTICAL ANATOMY, SPECIAL COURSES OF INSTRUCTION, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF RESIDENT PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS IN THE BELLEVUE AND BLACKWELL'S ISLAND HOSPITAL.

For the information of those not conversant with the amount of clinical material afforded by the BELLEVUE and BLACKWELL'S ISLAND HOSPITALS, it may be stated that BELLEVUE HOSPITAL receives, annually, from *ten to twelve thousand patients*. This Hospital embraces a large lying-in department, the annual number of births being about *five hundred*. Medical and Surgical cases of all descriptions are received, exclusive of contagious diseases. Cases of typhus fever are no longer admitted into the Hospital, but are transferred to tents or BLACKWELL'S ISLAND HOSPITAL. Cases of small pox are treated in the Small Pox Hospital on Blackwell's Island. BLACKWELL'S ISLAND HOSPITAL contains, usually, about *one thousand patients*, the larger proportion being affected with chronic diseases. In this Hospital are collected several hundred cases of syphilis, presenting all the stages and different phases of this disease in both sexes. These Hospitals afford an immense field for practical instruction in medicine, surgery, and obstetrics. Medical students are admitted to the BELLEVUE HOSPITAL daily, during the hours appropriated for clinical teaching. All the important operations in surgery are performed publicly in the Hospital amphitheatre. Opportunities are afforded for witnessing cases of labor and obstetrical operations. In the extensive lying-in department of the Hospital are illustrated, practically, by the Professors of Obstetrics, uterine diseases, the signs of pregnancy, the several stages of

labor, the sequels of labor, the affections of young children, together with the diseases and accidents to which the fœtus is liable. The BLACKWELL'S ISLAND HOSPITAL is, in like manner, open for clinical instruction. Regular instruction is given at this Hospital, by Professors of the College, the means of conveyance, by steamer, being provided by the Commissioners without expense to the student.

In addition to the charities with which the College is associated, the student may avail himself of other resources for practical instruction in the great Metropolis. At the New York Hospital the daily attendance of students is allowed without charge. The Emigrants' Hospital on Ward's Island, the Nursery Hospital on Randall's Island, the Childrens' Hospital, and the several Dispensaries are available to the student. Clinical lectures on diseases of the eye are given at the New York Eye Infirmary by Dr. Noyes.

The facilities for the study of Practical anatomy are ample. This study having been legalized in the State of New York, and fully provided for by law, there is rarely any lack of material, which is supplied to the student without charge. Commodious, well lighted and well ventilated dissecting rooms are provided, including every thing requisite for the convenience and comfort of the student. Dissections are superintended by the Demonstrator, Associate Demonstrator, and Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy.

Prizes are offered by two members of the Faculty—Professors WOOD and MORT—for the best preparations relating to Surgical Anatomy, to be competed for by students in any of the medical schools of New York and Brooklyn. The prizes offered by Prof. WOOD are \$50, with a diploma, for the best preparation, and \$25, with a diploma, for a preparation ranking second in excellence. The prize offered by Professor

Morr, is a complete case of Surgical instruments, of the value of \$100, for the best preparation. These prizes are adjudged by the Professors of Surgery in the several schools.

The Hospital Staff at the BELLEVUE and BLACKWELL'S ISLAND HOSPITALS, includes twenty-two resident Physicians and Surgeons, who are appointed annually after an examination and recommendation by the Hospital Medical Board. The resident members of the staff are expected to serve for eighteen months. They are provided with comfortable quarters, and receive a salary sufficient for their support. Competition is open to all without regard to the medical college with which the candidates may be connected. As offering advantages for acquiring practical knowledge and experience in Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics, which are unsurpassed, these appointments are invaluable; and being made with reference to relative merit among the applicants, irrespective of any personal influence, they offer an inducement for emulation, and are to be considered as a reward for superior attainments.

In order to meet the wishes of medical practitioners and students, who may desire fuller or more minute practical instruction in certain subjects than can enter into the regular courses of lectures, special courses are given by members of the Faculty and others, to private classes. Prof. HAMILTON will give private instruction in Operative Surgery. Prof. FLINT will continue to form private classes for practical lessons in auscultation and percussion. Classes in practical chemistry will be formed under the direction of Prof. DOREMUS. Private instruction in Microscopy will be given by Prof. FLINT, JR.

EXPENSES OF LIVING IN NEW YORK, Etc.

The expenses of living in the City of New York will, of course, vary according to the views and habits of the student. The necessary expenses need not much exceed those in the smaller cities, or in most large villages. Pains are taken to provide a list of boarding-houses, in the vicinity of BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, to suit the wishes and means of students. The Janitor will be prepared to secure satisfactory accommodations for those who matriculate at this College, without any delay. Students from abroad are requested to report at once at the College at BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL is situated on East River, between 26th and 28th Streets. In coming to the Hospital from the lower part of the city, the most convenient mode is to take one of the street cars, passing every three or four minutes, either on the 2d, 3d, or 4th Avenue, getting out at 26th Street. The distance from either of these Avenues to the Hospital is short. *The entrance to the Hospital is on 26th Street, near the East River.*

Persons desiring further information are requested to communicate with the Secretary of the Faculty, Prof. AUSTIN FLINT, JR., No. 257 Fourth Avenue.

